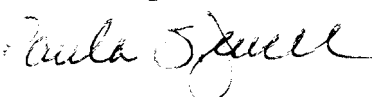


APPROVED: Meeting No. 39-96

ATTEST: 

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 35-96

September 16, 1996

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on September 16, 1996, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Glennon J. Harrison

Councilmember Robert J. Wright

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Public Hearing: Application to
Close and Abandon Public Way
SCA96-0074, Rockville Center,
Inc., Applicant.

The Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing on Application SCA96-0017, a proposal to close and abandon a portion of Mall Turnaround, Ramp Road and Truck Street in the Mid-City Urban Renewal Project area. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to speak, Mayor Krasnow declared the public hearing closed and noted that the record would be left open until close of business on October 11, 1996.

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Re: Public Hearing: Public Hearing
to receive proposals for the use
of Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

The Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing to receive proposals for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The City expects to receive approximately \$403,000 in CDBG funds through its cooperation agreement with Montgomery County. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to speak, Mayor Krasnow declared the public hearing closed and noted that the record would be left open until close of business on October 11, 1996.

Re: Citizens Forum - This time is set
aside to hear from any citizen
who wishes to address the Mayor
and Council.

1. Darryl Godrey, 346 W. Edmonston Drive spoke in opposition to Exploratory Application for Residential Townhouse Development (RTH96-0017), a proposal for 23 residential townhouse units to be constructed on the north side of Wootton Parkway between Edmonston Drive and Tower Oaks Boulevard. Mr. Godrey questioned the need for additional townhouses, saying that there were already approximately 200 town homes being built within walking distance to this site. While he understood the immediate benefit of the land swap with Montgomery County, Mr. Godrey said that he did not understand the immediate or long term benefits for the Hungerford-

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Stoneridge neighborhood. Mr. Godrey also questioned whether the residential townhouse overlay law applied to this type of development.

2. Randy Slovic, 9 Dairyfield Court and Water Quality Chairperson for the Sierra Club said that the King Farm developers had not met a requirement to conduct two biological water quality monitorings per year--one in March and one in October. Ms. Slovic reminded the Mayor and Council that the monitorings were necessary in order to provide base line information before development began. She said the monitoring that should have taken place in October actually took place in March, and the developer informed her that the monitoring scheduled to take place in March was not done because the City had not signed the agreement with the developer until July. Mayor Krasnow asked that staff follow up on the issue and report back to the Mayor and Council.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

1. Councilmember Marrinan noted the number of letters from businesses and residents expressing appreciation to City staff for their courteous and professional handling of a variety of matters. He said that letters such as these were a common occurrence, and he complimented staff on the continued good service they provided to citizens.

2. Regarding FYI Item #2, a report on the impact of the recent storms, Mayor Krasnow asked how the City was managing with all of the heavy rains. Mr. Kuckkahn said the City handled matters quite well. The Public Works crews have been out

responding to citizen concerns, removing tree limbs and branches and ensuring that the City's storm water drainage system was operating efficiently.

Re: New Business

1. Councilmember Marrinan said that during a Drop-In visit, Bill Meyer raised a question about a number of temporary signs which appeared on Rockville Pike during the weekends. Mr. Meyer had also pointed out that work at the Tower Oaks site started very early in the morning and the heavy equipment used there caused an excessive amount of noise. Mr. Kuckkahn said that the City did have a truck that drove around on Saturdays to pick up illegally placed temporary signs. He said that he would request that the driver concentrate more efforts on Rockville Pike. Mr. Kuckkahn also said that the City did have ordinances regulating noise, and he said that he would instruct the Inspection Services Division to check into the matter in order to ensure that the City's noise law was being adhered to. Councilmember Wright suggested that there were additional actions the City might also take regarding businesses that continued to illegally place signs. He asked that staff follow up on this as well.

Re: Next Meeting

Mayor Krasnow announced that in observance of the Yom Kippur Holiday on Monday, September 23rd, the Mayor and Council would meet in General Session on Tuesday, September 24th. The Mayor and Councilmember Harrison will be available to meet with Drop-In visitors on Tuesday as well.

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Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, or at the call of the Mayor.